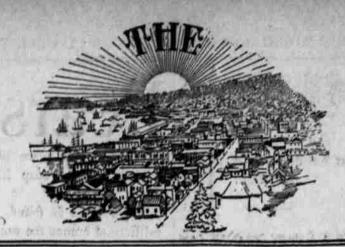
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COLL OF FDAIL has been shown by the story of Mays' Ore Historical Society

Sensational Development in Land Fraud.

EXCITEMET IS INTENSE

Report Mitchell, Hermann and Williamson will be Indicted

as Accessories.

Federal Grand Jury Probing Land Frauds and Is Claimed That Several Prominent Men Will Have to Answer Serious Charges.

Portland, Dec. 22 .- (Special to the Astorian.)-The story that is current on the streets of Portland tonight, and which is exciting the interest of all who have followed the proceedings of the land fraud trials is as follows:

To secure the indictment of Representative Williamson for alleged conspiracy to defraud the government of the United States of a portion of its public lands is as much the purpose and intention of the officials now engaged in conducting the investigation of the federal grand jury as it is their endeavor to have indictments returned against Senator Mitchell and Binger Hermann.

Evidence and testimony is being, and has been prepared by which the government hopes and expects not only to indict these three men, but there will also be a determined effort to secure convictions, at the succeeding trial Such is the opinion of an authority which cannot be questioned, and in view of the certainty of the statements which have been made, the remainder of the sessions of the grand jury will be fraught with intense interest to people of the entire country.

The entrance of Mr. Williamson into the land fraud cases comes as a great surprise, but it has developed through the connection existing between aim and F. P. Mays, as well as many other deals which have been discovered in various parts of state by government officials, who have been probing the records of land transactions of the past son is closely connected with Mays in his dealings, and the charge is made by the government that he has handled the lands, and helped in their handling, which he knew have been taken from the government under fraudu-

tent pretenses. ville, his home, has also been the seat of his operations, and that there are state who will yet come under the notice of the grand jury.

Hermann Coming.

Tonight Senator Mitchell and Mr. Hermann will reach Portland, the destination of their transcontinental journey. They come with the expectation of being able to explain away their alleged connection with the fraud in public lands, which are apparently are the subject of cabinet discussion in

They say they are innocent; that the prosecution of the government is a persecution, and that time will right their gins & Co., and a sewing machine comwrongs and show they have been, and are now, objects of a conspiracy, instead of being the originators or participants in one.

tion made by two congressmen from his case comes to trial.

The talk has not been idle, rumor has it, and it will be a matter of cold facts before another two weeks have passed over the people waiting.

ne offense, that he has beer nore interested with Puter in his deal-

It was Mays, who, as attorney for Puter, gave the latter a letter of introduction to John Mitchell at Washington. This much was shown in the testimony at the trial in which Puter was

Mitchell took Puter, upon presentation of the letter to him, to Hermann and told the commissioner Puter was one of the best men in Oregon, entirely responsible and it would be a favor CAPTURED BY if the lands in which he was interested were to be passed through, out of their order; that they be taken from the list of suspended claims and be made special and immediate.

This much has been shown at the

previous trial. But this is not all.

Allegations will be made that Mitchell was a friend and helpmate of the timber dealers and lobbyists; that his committee rooms in Washington were MITCHELL IS SIDESTEPPING headquarters for this class of men and he shared in their confidence and in their benefits. This is, in part, the nature of the evidence which, it is reported, will be brought to bear against the testimony of the senator when he enters the jury room to explain to the men there his innocence of all wrong

Hermann will have his turn in the jury room with the senator. His connection with the Puter-Mays deal will be shown, it is asserted. He, it was, who, acting as commissioner general of the land office, took the suspended claims from the table and expedited them to a patent at the request and solicitation of Puter and Mays et al.

Nor is this all.

The ex-commissioner will be asked to explain the story of the missing letter files, which will apply, not alone to Washington, but to Oregon as well.

Out Tonight.

WOMAN NEARLY COLLAPSED

Quick Freedom Not the Result of Deliberations and Several Jurors Are at Variance on the Degree of the Crime.

New York, Dec. 22.-The jury in the Nan Patterson case was locked up at few years. It is stated that William- 11:26 tonight, not having reached a verdict.

> When Miss Patterson heard the news in the "pen" it was so unexpected she came near to collapsing. There will be no opportunity for

hearing from the jury again until 10:30 tomorrow morning, the hour fixed by He said he has operated in western the court for a report from the 12 men Oregon and that the vicinity of Prine- who decide the fate of the chorus girl. The latest rumor from the jury room is that three men are holding out those now living in both sections of the against the nine who desired to acquit the defendant. It is said three jurors are at odds regarding the seriousness of the crime. One juror said he was holding out for conviction of murder in the second degree, and two are reported to favor a manslaughter verdict.

DAVIS IN JAIL.

reaching such proportions that they Sheriff Linville Returns Sewing Machine Man.

Sheriff Linville arrived last night from Spokane. with W. J. Davis, the man wanted here on a charge of defrauding Ross, Higpany by bogus contracts.

Davis was captured by the police at Linville. He behaved himself well on than the officers did, and he lost, But is now definitely stated that the trip from the northern city, and the prosecution expects to prove en- expressed his belief that he will be tirely to the contrary with a declara- able to square his accounts here before len Anderson would have been near to

Cresswell Hotel Burns.

curred, resulting in the destruction of were offered him. How, though, are the senator and well last evening a disastrous fire octhe representatives connected? is the ing of a lamp in the hotel at Cress- which will keep him in jail an ordicommon query. That is a hard ques- the building and contents. The fire nary man's lifetime, Stauch had no intion to be answered with any amount spread with remarkable swiftness, and clination to fight. He only wanted Elliott of the Northern Pacific Rail-

Orcgon Boot Adorns Leg of the "Escape."

Jaded and Worn by Trail Travel He Gives Up When Utterly Ehxausted.

TOLD TWICE TO PUT HANDS UP

Fifteen Charges Rest Against the Man Who is Glad to Have a Chance to Put in a Night's Sleep in the Security of the County Jail.

Drenched by rain, bespattered by pared with the miring and grief that he has seen since he made his way through the remaining 37 states. the bars of the county jail Saturday

Sheriff Linville is a lucky man. Going up on the evening train with prisoner for Salem, and in quest of one at Spokane, he arrested young Lowe, implicated with Stauch, and, then, on his return, the sheriff had the ond prisoner (Stauch), who was in charge of Sheriff White of Columbia county.

After leaving the fail Saturday night Stauch and Lowe separated. Lowe keeping to the railroad and Stauch striking across country toward the upper bend of the Columbia river. Stauch was en route for Goldendale. Wash where he has friends and relatives, and Lowe was simply trying to get out of the country. Lowe only accompanied Stauch because of the older man's persuasion, and had he stayed in jail, could scarcely have gotten more than a six months' sentence in the county jall His fate now is with the good mercy of the circuit judge.

The capture of Stauch, as effected by Sheriff White, was a dramatic one, and the manner of it was a refutation of the opinion held by the local auing. As a matter of fact, his only victims are Austrians. weapon was a razor, and he did not have the slightest intention of using that as a weapon de guerre,

Sheriff White had a "line" on the

"Hands up!" called the sheriff. "Who the hell are you?" said Stauch.

"Jam 'em up! Quick!" was the reply, the others weer in a dying condition. and Sheriff White was just unhooking six lead pills in Stauch's direction when the refugee "put 'em up."

Stauch submitted to handcuffing, and the sheriff secured a rig and drove his the same train upon which Sheriff Lin-

On Tuesday evening had Stauch identity, been armed Frank Cook and Jailor Aldeath. Stauch heard them coming and

Notwithstanding his 15 charges mann and so is Mitchell, it is said. It ing oil catching his clothes on fire. | that Stauch was not "the man behind ern Pacific mining properties.

Stauch led a hard life during his brief emancipation. The roads were bad, the trails rough and Stauch was hard put to it to get wherewith to eat. At "Dutch John's," a place about 25 miles from Astoria, he bought four loaves of bread, some meat, and afterward returned for a little packet of sult Torpedo Boats Reported which was given him. The fugitive however, was weary, and his night's rest cost him his liberty.

Sheriff White and Sheriff Linville were congratulated around town last evening for the quick work that landed the two jall-breakers within four days LOSS SEVERE IF TRUE of their escape, and Deputy Watson Binder, who kept careful tab on the movements of the men, received the congratulations of the sheriff.

ROOSEVELT IS ELECTED.

The Official Announcement of the Canvas of the Election Declared Today.

Chicago, Dec. 22.-The official canvass for presidential electors was completed today. The Associated Press, therefore, is able to give first table of official votes in the 45 states. The total vote was 13,508,496, against 13,968,574 in 1900, a decrease of 460,078. The ballots were divided as follows:

Roosevelt 7,627,632, Parker 5,080,054 Debs 391,587, Swallow 260,302, Watson 114,637, Corregan 33,453, Holcomb, continental labor, 820. McKinley polled more votes than Roosevelt in Alabama. Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine Maryland, Mississippi, New Hamp shire, North Carolina, South Carolina Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. Roose mud, trail-worn, tired and glad to have velt received more votes than McKinthe rest of a "bunk" in a cell, Fred ley in the other 32 states. Parker re-Stauch was brought in last night, sur- ceived more votes than Bryan in Delarounded by officers and newspaper men. ware, Georgia, Mississippi, New Jerand even the Oregon boot that adorned sey, New York, Rhode Island, South his leg feels to him like jewelry com- Carolina and West Virginia. Bryan received more votes than Parker in

sylvania Drift.

NUMBER OF MINERS RESCUED

Heroic Efforts of Men to Save Their Companions From Death Are Attended With the Greatest Difficulty.

Bolivar, Pa., Dec. 22.-Seven men were suffocated today in the soft clay of the mine of the Reese Hammond thorities that Stauch would die fight. Fire Brick Company, near here. The

About 25 men were in the mine, and all but seven were rescued, though all were in bad condition and two are likely to die. A small building burned whereabouts of his man, and he rode down at the mouth of the mine. An over hard roads all night, arriving at airshaft from the workings to the sur- Sit Amid the Flames While Enemy the farmhouse where Stauch had eaten face in the mine acted as a sort of a his breakfast, just in time to catch flue and drew into the drift heat and him walking up to a looking glass in smoke from the fire. As soon as it is little personal animosity toward the the same time with the convention of the kitchen where he was going to could be done the burning shanty was Japanese among the European Rus- the American Medical Association and

Robber Captured.

bers, was captured Tuesday and is game to Claskanine, where they caught in jail waiting identification. Erwin been displayed toward the Japanese Britain, Rev. Frank Johnson, London; ville of this county was returning Gooseberry creek. He and Will Ham- where there were a majority of Si- Buck, Toronto; general superintendent, Had Stauch been of the proclivities to watch at the mouth of Gooseberry other hand have shown a decided par- field secretary, Dr. Cullen Ewing Cline, that actuated Tracy, this story would The robber made a circle to beat off tiality for Japanese patients and there Portland; secretary-treasurer, Elmer have read differently, however, he the officers and had about two hours has been some jealousy groused among Ellsworth Miller, Portland; assistant went unarmed, and had no intention of later come upon Holtz, who held him the Siberians who thought the Japan- secretary-treasurer, C. E. Struble, Chimaking a fight for his liberty. He up with a Winchester and waited for Spokane on information furnished by thought he knew the country better the arrival of Fenton and Hammitt. the hands of the nurses. There is no doubt of the prisoner's

Bad Wires Cause Fire.

Eugene, Dec. 22.—By the overturn- stolen even one of the three guns that residence had formerly been occupied fact that the Japanese commits suiby students, who did the wiring.

Gets Good Job.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 22.-President

Sunk in Storm.

But Loss of Life Fearful if Boats Sunk.

JAPS BURN BUT WONT GIVE UP

Officers Found Cooked in the Ruins o Their Barracks in Postures Indicating They Calmly Awaited Death by Flames.

London, Dec. 22.-The Telegraphs' Cheefoo correspondent wires tonight the tribesmen is prompted by revenge, that eight torpedoboats, which attempted to escape from the invested harbor of Port Arthur, have been destroyed. The battle that ended with their destruction, he says, occurred in a snowstorm which has raged for 24 recruiting officers to grant the privil-

Particulars concerning the loss of lives and the names of the boats are not obtainable.

Mukden, Dec. 22.-The situation between the armies before Mukden remains unchanged. The opposing forces continue artillery duels and both sides Nan Patterson Jury Is Locked pleasure of riding home with the sec- Seven Men Suffocated in a Penn- have extended their positions far to the Portland is Reforming Its Ways

Chinese scouts report that Oyama has established headquarters at Liao Yang and the Japanese are constructing new forts around the city.

ing have among the Jap forces in the NO MORE HOP FOR THE KIDS vicinity of Palaszandeski and Shilikje, ere, it is said, 20,000 men were in a single week.

Headquarters of the Third Japanese Army Before Port Arthur, via Fusan Dec. 22.-During the morning of December 19 the Russian turret ship Sevastopol was torpedoed by the Japanese fleet and immediately listed 10 degrees to the right remaining fast on the shallow shore at the foot of Llaoti mountain. The vessel is considered absolutely useless for further offensive operations.

Russian gunboats and torpedo craft jects will be to unify and bring into in the harbor continues.

JAPS DIE GAME.

Approaches Their Barracks. Mukden, Dec. 22.-Apparently there

torn away and the rescuers rushed sians. The Russian reservist goes out the National board of charities and into the mine but already five men had to fight simply because the emperor corrections. succumbed to the heat and smoke and wills it, and takes little interest in the political reasons involved in the struggle. But with the Siberians it is different. The war is closed to their na- bas been authorized to name a vie Basin, Wyo., Dec. 22.—Bob Erwin, tive soil and they regard the Japanese president in each state: the larger of the two Cody bank rob- as their natural enemies. For this President, Charles Bulkley Huybell reason the only animosity that has New York; vice president for Great was seen at a ranch at the mouth of wounded has been in those hospitals vice president for Canada, Frank A. mitt took a trail, leaving Bert Holtz berlans. The Sisters of Mercy on the Wallace R. Struble, Chicago; general ese were getting 'the best of it," at cago.

Most of the Japanese wounded have therefore, been placed in the hospitals with Russian soldiers. The Finlanders almost alone of the Europeans take in-Eugene, Dec. 22.—The residence of terest in the politics of the fighting, but he stepped behind a hemlock tree and Ed McClanahan, Jr., narrowly escaped they make none the worse soldiers for policy of the British admiralty. When allowed them to go by. It was dusk, destruction last evening by a fire which that. One of the most inexplicable the process of reduction is complete it and they were at his mercy, had he started from electric light wires. The things to the Russian soldier is the is expected that none but caretakers cide when endangered with defeat. repair shops, which heretofore employ-There are so many eye witnesses to reports of this nature that it is impossible to discredit them all.

Japanese officers especially seem to of detail. But if Williamson is en- the proprietor of the place barely es- to get away. Cook and Anderson may road Company has appointed Charles make a practice of saving their last ships have sailed for the Tonga istangled with Franklin Mays, so is Her- caped with his life, owing to the burn- thank the stars that give a happy fate R. Claghorn as manager of the North- cartridge for themselves. A Russian lands, with the reported intention of under the circumstances would rather annexing them.

do the killing if he thought there was nothing to be gained by holding

In the capture of Poutiloff (Lone Tree) hill especially there were a number of such cases. When the Japanese batteries were captured one officer shot himself across his gun. Another drew his sword and fenced at the empty air until he was shot. During the same fight two villages occupled by the Japanese were surrounded and burned.

Numbers of the Japanese remained quietly in the huts and were burned to death. A Russian officer hauled two Japanese prisoners out of a blazing hut but one slipped back and perished in the flames. Japanese officers were Details of the Conflict are Meagre found in the huts after the fight, burned to death or suffocated, sitting in chairs as though they had been quietly awaiting their doom.

TANGERIN HIGHBINDERS

French Consul This time as Well as Briton.

Tangier, Dec. 22.-A courier from Alcazar, about 150 miles northeast of Tangler, states the tribesmen surrounding Alcazar and threaten to sack, the town unless the French consul and one British subject are handed over to

The French minister demanded the sultan take action for the protection of the consul. A detachment of imperial troops left Tangier, probably for Al-

It is understood the movement of

Can Sleep at Home.

Washington, Dec. 22.-The secretary of war has issued an order authorizing ege of living out of quarters to soldiers married prior to enlistment.

Very Fast.

Reformers Say the Curling Wreaths of Smoke from Corraded Alfalfa Cannot Tickle the Nostrels of Young and Foolish.

Portland, Dec. 22.-The International Anti-Cigarette League, recently incorporated in Portland, is soon to begin an active campaign in other fields be-The Japanese bombardment of the side Oregon, and one of its main obmore concise form the work which is now being done separately in many sections of the nation. The next quadrennial convention of the league will be held in Portland July 15, 16 and 17, 1905. These dates will bring the sessions of the league at approximately

The following partial list of officers has been named and the general superintendent of the Anti-Cigarette League

Station Dismantled

Victoria, Dec. 22.-The British naval station at Esquimalt has been partially dismantled in keeping with the new will have charge of the dock yards and ed large numbers.

Want More Islands.

Sidney, Dec. 22.-Two British war-